

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/003334

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ C07K16/28, A61K39/395, A61P7/00, A61P7/04, G01N33/15, G01N33/50

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

BIOSIS (DIALOG), WPI (DIALOG), JSTPlus (JOIS)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

| Category* | Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages | Relevant to claim No. |
|-----------|---|-----------------------|
| Y | JP 2001-506135 A (Abbott Laboratories), 15 May, 2001 (15.05.01), & WO 98/28331 A2 & EP 946726 A2 & MX 9905856 A1 & US 2001/0006796 A1 & US 6323000 B2 & US 2003/0073161 A1 & US 6683157 B2 | 1-15, 18-29 |
| Y | Ballmaier M. c-mpl mutations are the cause of congenital amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia., Blood, 2001, Vol.97, No.1, pages 139-46 | 1-15, 18-29 |
| Y | JP 2001-513999 A (Genentech, Inc.), 11 September, 2001 (11.09.01), & WO 99/10494 A2 & AU 9888312 A & EP 1009831 A2 & US 6342220 B1 & AU 755822 B | 1-15, 18-29 |

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.☐ See patent family annex.

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item I.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☒ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - ☐ in written format
 - ☒ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed
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Concerning the "agonist" as set forth in claim 1, only antibodies, namely a part of the claimed agonists, are supported by the description in the meaning within PCT Article 6 and disclosed therein in the meaning within PCT Article 5.

The same applies to "a substance obtained by a screening method" as set forth in claims 3 to 7, 10, 12 to 15, 23, 24, 26 to 29 and 22.

Such being the case, the search was made exclusively on the part supported by the description and disclosed therein, i.e., the antibodies. Claims 2, 8, 9, 11, 18 to 21 and 25 were completely searched.

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